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This Preliminary Amendment includes the addition of three new claims, claims 34 - 36. These claims do not represent new matter and find ample support in the specification where the conversion of frames between ATM, LAN and switch formats is discussed throughout.

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